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Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Communication**  
***In the Matter of Regulation of Prepaid Calling Card Services, WC Docket No. 05-68***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to 47 CFR § 1.1206(b), this letter is to report that Ely Tendler, Chief Legal Officer of IDT Corporation; Norm Rosenberg, Chief Financial Officer of IDT Telecom, Inc. (“IDT”); along with Tamar Finn and Russell Blau of Swidler Berlin LLP, met yesterday separately with Scott Bergmann, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein, Jessica Rosenworcel, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael Copps, and Lauren “Pete” Belvin, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy, to discuss IDT’s views concerning the above-referenced docket.

IDT reiterated the views expressed in its Comments filed April 15, 2005, and its Reply Comments filed May 16, 2005 in this docket and made the points outlined in the attached handout. In addition, IDT pointed out that investment in developing the new menu-based information capabilities for prepaid cards is an example of the success of the Commission’s hands-off information services policy. IDT explained that consumers have benefited from this policy and the innovations that are the product of such investment. Calling cards can make available to low-income and immigrant consumers—who often have no access to computers—access to information and content that they could not otherwise obtain. They also provide low-income and new immigrant consumers access to low-priced international calling that is not supported by current universal service programs for low income consumers. Further burdening the calling card industry, which already bears a disproportionate burden in the USF regime by paying a higher effective contribution rate, would be detrimental to these consumers.

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Sincerely,

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